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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OF

VINCENT DEFELICE License No. 43ZA00244500

TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSURE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care (Board) upon receipt of information from Respondent, Vincent DeFelice, and his employer, Shore Memorial Hospital in New Jersey, that on September 25, 2009, Respondent failed to respond to a "rapid response" in the hospital and left the hospital during his work shift without notifying his supervisor. Respondent also advised the Board that he suffered from an impairment affecting the discharge of his duties as a respiratory therapist and has been undergoing rehabilitation. Respondent now seeks leave to voluntarily surrender his license to practice respiratory care in the State of New Jersey in accordance

with the terms of this Order. The Board finding the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare;

IT IS, therefore, on this 12 day of March, 2010, ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent, Vincent DeFelice's license to practice respiratory care in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is surrendered and he shall cease and desist from the practice of respiratory care effective immediately.
- 2. Respondent shall return his original New Jersey license to practice respiratory care to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with Respondent's signing of this Order.
- 3. Prior to any application for reinstatement, Respondent shall appear before the Board or a committee thereof, to discuss his readiness to reenter the practice of respiratory care; provide the Board with evidence that he is rehabilitated and is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that he is not then suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of alcohol, controlled substances, or any mood altering substances which could affect his practice of respiratory care.
- 4. Nothing herein shall prevent the Board from taking further action based on the conduct which gave rise to this Order,

or any additional information which comes to the attention of the $\ensuremath{\mathtt{Board}}$.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

By: Kenneth Capek, President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by the terms therein. Consent is hereby given for the Board to enter this Order.

Vincent DeFelice, RT